



Goodenia ramosissima

GOODENIA *ramosissima*.*Branching blue Goodenia.*PENTANDRIA MONOGYNIA. *Fl. of one petal, superior.*

GEN. CHAR. *Caps.* bilocularis, bivalvis, polysperma; dissepimento parallelo. *Semina* imbricata. *Cor.* supra longitudinaliter fissa, genitalia exferens; limbo quinquefido, secundo. *Antherae* lineares. *Stigma* urceolatum, ciliatum.

Caps. with two cells, two valves, and many seeds; partition parallel to the valves. *Seeds* imbricated. *Cor.* longitudinally cloven on the upper side, exposing the organs of fructification; limb five-cleft, leaning one way. *Antherae* linear. *Stigma* cup-shaped, ciliated.

SPEC. CHAR. *G. foliis* lineari-lanceolatis subdentatis cauleque hispidis, stylo apice hirsutissimo, corolla extus pilosa.

Leaves linear-lanceolate, slightly dentated, rough as well as the stem. Style very hirsute at the top. Corolla externally hairy.

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WE refer the reader to the Linnæan Transactions above quoted for the history of this genus, which is named in honour of the Rev. Dr. Goodenough. Eight species are there enumerated, of which this is one of the most striking.

The stem is herbaceous, two or three feet high, much branched and straggling, round, rough with short stiff hairs, as are also the *leaves*. The latter are of a narrow lanceolate form, mostly entire, but sometimes dentated, and even sinuated. *Stipule* none. *Flowers* solitary, terminating the branches, and appearing in October. The plaits of the *corolla* are externally hairy. The *antheræ* very minutely bearded. *Style* very hairy in its upper part. The *fruit* of this species we have not seen ripe, but the enlarged *germen* is oval and hairy.

EXPLANATION OF TAB. V.

- 1, 2. Two different views of the Style. 3. Stamen.
4. Anthera magnified.